

E-NEWS



DIARY DATES

Cathedral Prayers:

- 6 March Undercroft - Winchester Cathedral
Led by Romsey Deanery
- 3 April Winchester Cathedral
Led by Odiham Deanery
- 1 May Winchester Cathedral
Led by Lyndhurst Deanery

Other events:

- 21 March Diocesan Council and
Information Day – Chandler's Ford
- 16 May Quiet Day at Wolvesey

- 30 May – Thy Kingdom Come
- 9 June Global Wave of Prayer
- 31 May Thy Kingdom Come – MU Global
Moment – Coventry Cathedral

Thursday 21st March
Diocesan Council
and
Information Day
at St Boniface's Church Hall
Chandler's Ford
SO53 2FT
10am to 2pm

A Selection of Birthday, Easter and Greeting cards
will be available during Information Day

Clerical error!!

Unfortunately, the email address for Rev Jane Leese was omitted from the Speakers List circulated recently. Would you please add her details – reverendjane@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you
Christine Clode

Worldwide President

In a colourful and packed Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday 27th February I attended the service as Mrs Sheran Harper, was commissioned to her office as Worldwide President of Mothers' Union, a movement of four million members worldwide, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Revd Justin Welby. "Sheran, let me congratulate you for the trust the members have bestowed on you in electing you as their Worldwide President," he said. He also thanked outgoing Worldwide President Lynne Tembey for her all her years' service.

"There is only one Mothers' Union! It is the world's oldest and largest women's movement. It is one of the Anglican Communion's greatest gifts to the worldwide church," Archbishop Welby said.

Sue Abernethy



AFIA 2019 - Fundraiser

St John's Hedge End branch held their fundraising event for the AFIA Family holiday on Saturday 16th February. As the family holiday scheme includes a day at the seaside, they chose the theme of 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside.'

The church hall was festooned with bunting; table centrepieces included seashells, a bucket and spade to hold cutlery and a stick of pink seaside rock. A beach area was created in one corner and a playlist allowed for the sound of waves and seagulls as well as seaside songs to be played. Guests enjoyed a traditional seaside meal of fish and chips, bread and butter and a pot of tea, with ice cream sundaes for dessert.



Everyone enjoyed the event and together with a raffle, £400 was raised for the AFIA family holiday scheme.

Sally Lloyd

NEWSFLASH !!!

RAF Odiham Thursday 25th July 2019

Last call for scarves

You may have seen some members wearing the white scarves which I have been able to make



using fabric brought back from Kenya to MSH. I have enough fabric for 2 more and there is no more available, so if you would like one of these 'limited editions' please let me know. They are

£8 each, from which a donation to AFIA will be made. First come, first served.

Christine Clode

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News from Old Alresford

The Mothers' Union held a thanksgiving for Marriage



and renewal of vows Service on Sunday 10th February at 4pm in

St. Mary's Old Alresford. After the Service we went over to Old Alresford Place to view the wedding dresses and photos on display before having a slice of wedding cake, made by Pearl Page one of our members and a cup of tea. The cake was cut by Judith and Vic Taylor who will celebrate their 45th wedding

Anniversary this year. This Service has become an annual event on the Sunday nearest Valentine's Day and we hope that next year we will increase the number of dresses and items on view.

Carol Beetham

Letter from our Chaplain

I am very fortunate to live in the New Forest, quite close to Southampton Water, and so I am surrounded by God's Creation in all its beauty and variety. I regularly see the wildlife of the Forest amid the changing colours as the year goes by. There are the ponies, the cows and the donkeys grazing or just standing still and sometimes crossing the roads with little regard for any other travellers, well it is their forest before it is ours. Foxes, rabbits, deer, similarly treating we humans as guest in their land, above fly the birds, hovering, gliding and swimming - the stately swans and much, much more hidden for sight but there all the same. All a daily reminder of how magnificent and generous is our God in giving all this to us to look after and steward as well as to enjoy.

We live in a world so fraught with problems, situations we need to pray for as well as try to remedy, it can lead us to forget just how wonderful is our world. In the Mothers Union, we see many instances of sadness and 'ugliness', and that can occupy our minds so overwhelmingly that we can forget that prayer is not only about asking God for help, that it is also about giving praise and glory to Him. To look at the beauty, the kindness and the goodness of our world, and to simply thank the Creator God; This is a Prayer about thanks for all things, which is a very good thing, it is by Gail A Ricciuti.

For all things bright and beautiful

For all things dark and mysterious and lovely,

For all things green and growing and strong,

For all things weak and struggling to push life up through rocky earth,

For all human faces, hearts, minds and hands which surround us,

For all nonhuman minds and hearts, paws and claws, fins and wings,

For this Life and the life of the world,

For all that You have laid before us, O God,

We lay our thankful hearts before you.

In Christ's name, Amen

May God bless your days as you seek to serve Him.

Lynda

Christchurch Deanery Mothers' Union

Lady Day Service on

Monday 25th March, 2.00pm at

St. Mary's Church, Fordingbridge.

Christian Care for Families through praying, enabling and campaigning

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